

**Interactive Dialogue with Independent Expert on older persons (20th
September): Dr. DM Mulay**

Madam President,

In India, with the backdrop of demographic ageing and its long term implications on the lives and wellbeing of older persons, the National Policy on Older Persons was announced by the government in India in 1999 with an aim to “strengthen their legitimate place in society and help older persons to live the life with purpose, dignity and peace.”

Also, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 was enacted for the protection and promotion of rights of older persons in India. Since then, amendments have been proposed by the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for improving the degree of benefit for the older persons.

Additionally, the National Institute of Social Defence was created for the welfare of senior citizens along with other roles.

To name a few Initiatives taken by National Human Rights Commission, NHRC constituted a Core Group on Protection and Welfare of Elderly Persons to take care of their interest.

The Commission had entrusted various research studies on the rights of elderly persons and during the Covid-19 pandemic, “Human Rights Advisory on Rights of Elderly Persons” was also issued.

Along with NHRC’s recommendations and various measures of Government of India, efforts will be continued to help older person to lead healthier and productive life.

Thank-you